IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-7. (Cancelled)

8. (New) Apparatus for operating plant equipment of a plant worksite through a central control room and a network, comprising

an operation terminal to be used for operating the plant equipment; and

a plurality of wireless transceivers to appropriate points at the plant worksite for carrying out wireless communication with the operation terminal; wherein

operation of the plant equipment is also carried out by a control device according to the request of the operation terminal.

9. (New) A method for operating plant equipment, comprising

operating the plant equipment through a central control room and a network, and

carrying out wireless communication with an operation terminal and a wireless transceiver, and

transferring an operation request from the operation terminal via the wireless transceiver and the network.